



Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of the BOSS DR-5 Dr. Rhythm Section. The DR-5 is designed especially for guitarists and bassists, although it has features that are attractive to many musicians including live solo performers, keyboardists, vocalists, songwriters, and home recording enthusiasts. For guitarists, the DR-5 has a unique interface which is easy to operate because the pads are laid-out like a guitar fretboard. It is extremely portable and can even be battery powered. Its main features include 256 high-quality sounds including 174 drum and percussion instruments and 82 pitched instruments. It has 64 rhythm kits, 16 of which are user programmable. Each of the 400 patterns, 200 preset and 200 user, have three instrument tracks and a drum track available. There are 20 song locations which can contain up to 250 parts per song, and the songs can be chained together for performance. It also has a Guitar In jack, a programmable Footswitch jack for live and practice applications, and a built-in tuner.

The following documentation is a quick-start User's Guide. It is designed to get you up-and-running on some of the primary operations of the DR-5. It is not designed to replace the Owner's Manual which covers more of the DR-5's functions in greater depth. This tutorial will give you step-by-step operating instructions that are easy to follow and should solidify your basic understanding of the DR-5's operations. After completing this User's Guide, you should read and study the Owner's Manual so that you can take full advantage of the DR-5 Dr. Rhythm Section.

Here are some guidelines that are consistent throughout the entire book. If you encounter a word in all capital letters, such as SHIFT, ENTER or START, this word indicates a specific button on the front panel of the unit. The TEMPO/DATA dial, which you'll rotate to change the value of a selected parameter will also be capitalized. If a word or phrase is surrounded with [brackets], this indicates that the same words or numbers will also be shown in the display screen.